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A Bryan kite without a silver tail and headpiece is an impossibility as is shown by the platform created by Bryan and adopted by the Democratic convention of Nebraska. This platform makes the issue 16 to 1 silver, Porto Rican free trade, trusts, imperialism and election of Senators by direct vote. If this is carried into the national campaign the defeat of Bryan will be easier than usual.

Whether bubonic plague exists in San Francisco still appears to be a matter of doubt. As was the case in Honolulu the authorities have decided and the people have accepted the ruling, that the situation is sufficiently serious to warrant a general campaign to clean up Chinatown. It is apparent that there are serious matters afoot which the business interests demand shall be made as little of by the newspapers as possible.

Good judgment of the Council of State is shown in the tendency toward liberality in dealing with the schools. There is hardly a district of the Islands where the schools are not crippled for lack of funds. The emergency is an ever present one when school houses are crowded beyond the proper capacity and the number of teachers is not sufficient to supply the educational demands of the constantly increasing number of pupils.

Hawaii's hopes for the cable are raised a point once more by the promising report made to the Senate by Senator Hale. Reducing the project to cable construction from San Francisco to Honolulu, gives the measure better chances for success than an attempt to carry through at this session the authorization for construction through to the Philippines. Thanks to the party whip and a working Republican majority in both Houses, the Administration measures have received reasonably prompt attention and been passed without serious delays. If the business like record of the present Congress is kept up to its usual mark Hawaii will be assured of cable connection with San Francisco within the next three years.

Affairs in the Orange Free State have so far quieted down that, judging from the tenor of late despatches, the majority of its population have promptly gone over to the British and thought of further difficulty in that quarter gets scant recognition. Telegrams from British sources are to the effect that Kruger has become disheartened and will make slight resistance to the British advance to Pretoria. Failure to obtain assistance from foreign powers has certainly made Kruger's cause hopeless. The lengthy period taken for Roberts to prepare his advance on Pretoria, however, indicates that the Boer fighting spirit is not quelled and a bloody trail will mark the advance to the Transvaal capital. The fight will be made to a finish hopeless as it may be.

**Headway of the Plague.**  
Calcutta, March 21.—The bubonic plague is fast increasing. In Bengal 4725 deaths occurred last week. These included 744 in Calcutta and 2041 in Patna.

Astoria, Oregon, March 20.—The City Council tonight passed an ordinance providing a bounty of 5 cents a head for all dead rats delivered to the chief of police. The ordinance will remain in force thirty days. This action is taken as a precautionary measure against the possible appearance of plague in this city arising from ships coming here from infected ports.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 20.—Two fresh cases of the bubonic plague have been officially reported today.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 19.—Another death from bubonic plague has occurred here and two fresh cases are officially reported.

Adelaide, South Australia, March 19.—Five deaths have recently occurred here from what is suspected to be the bubonic plague.

Rio Janeiro, March 19.—The Brazilian Government has decided to close the ports to vessels from Argentina on account of the reported plague cases.

The Government of Paraguay has published a note declaring that the plague has disappeared from its borders.

**Famous Maud S. Dead.**  
New York, March 17.—Maud S., the famous trotting mare, recently the property of the late Robert Bonner, died today on Schultz's stock farm near Port Chester. She was 26 years old. Her record, 2:08 1/2, was long unbroken.

## The Plague Scare in San Francisco

The Post of March 21st, the day the Mariposa left, has the following on the San Francisco plague affair:

The Health Department is about to make its second assault upon the sanitary and other conditions of Chinatown, and with the rising sun tomorrow nearly 200 stalwart employees of the department will enter upon the task of uprooting evil spots, turning untidy stalls into the streets, destroying undesirable or dangerous structures and fixtures, burning tainted provisions and flushing out hidden retreats and many nooks which have not been in speaking terms with pure water for many a day.

A hundred deputies are being instructed in the work of reclamation today, and tomorrow morning they will swoop down upon the offending quarter and apply the hose and broom with vigor. Fifty police officers especially detailed for the work are to aid and many others are to take part who have hitherto been engaged elsewhere by the health officers.

An order was issued early this morning, instructing the garbage collectors to leave their loads in Chinatown today, to be burned there. This is in order to prevent the stuff even being carried through the streets of the city. On a vacant lot near Dupont and Clay streets a force of men was at work all day today burning up the garbage and debris as it was brought to them.

A death at 723 Sacramento street, another at 905 Dupont street and a third in Oneida place are the fatalities which stimulated the Health Board to immediate action, and from these it is feared a number of other deaths will soon follow. While the authorities do not claim that the bubonic plague has lifted its head or broken out under cover, they do claim that the filth and poor sanitary conditions of the district have caused an epidemic among the Chinese which may any day develop into the plague and become widespread. In the three cases mentioned the cause of death has not been definitely known, and the authorities intimate that it may be the plague in a mild form. It is this state of affairs which has led to the campaign against uncleanness and stagnation in the houses and streets of the Oriental district.

Glands from the three subjects which have now puzzled the authorities are under examination, but no positive verdict has been rendered by Dr. Kinyoun, the Federal bacteriologist, and Dr. Kellogg in the municipal service. The authorities will neither assert nor deny that the cases are those of bubonic plague.

## BOERS CAN GET NO AID.

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the only military strength with the Rhodesian field force and the artillery promised by Cecil Rhodes for Kimberley and the British garrison at Cape Town and Durban, and, perhaps, at Pretoria.

**No News from Mafeking.**  
London, March 21, 2:30 p. m.—The only news from South Africa showing activity on either side comes from Warrentown, north of Kimberley, where desultory fighting occurred all day Sunday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers toward Christiansburg, under shell fire. The progress of this column toward Mafeking has either almost ceased or is forbidden to be mentioned in despatches. Nothing new comes from Colonel Plumer, and Mafeking apparently still awaits relief.

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams, March 15, says that a Boer command was preparing to destroy a railroad bridge. The engagement lasted half an hour, with the result that one bugler was slightly wounded.

The same dispatch announces the arrival at the Transvaal capital of General Schalkberger from Natal.

The second edition of the Times today publishes a dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated Monday, March 15, which says:

"The blowing up of bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon the defense of the Free State."

All is quiet in the south and west. A corps of young Boers from the farms surrounding Bloemfontein, under an Imperial officer, has been detailed for police work and to prevent the further looting of the abandoned farms by the Kaffirs.

It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I."

Rudyard Kipling has gone to Bloemfontein.

The Boers at Aliwal North are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side.

From a Pretoria dispatch it appears that some misunderstanding regarding Lord Salisbury's reply to America's offer of mediation exists there. It has been quoted to the effect that Lord Salisbury said he could accept the intervention of no other powers, which leads to the belief that American representatives would be listened to in the final settlement.

Private Cole, the Canadian whom the Queen visited at Netley Hospital, returned to South Africa today quite recovered from his wounds.

**Sugar Makes a Big Jump.**  
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